



All Hellshire Leadership Council
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HELLSHIRE SUMMER SPORTS FUNDAY SET FOR SATURDAY

The Hellshire Youths & Sports Committee
Present
Hellshire
SUMMER
SPORTS & FUNDAY
AT HELLSHIRE PARK SHOPPING CENTRE
PARKING LOT
Six A Side *Football *Netball
Learn the Fundamentals
of Cricket. Prove Your Domino
Playing Skills
Saturday
AUG 19
@ 10:00 a.m.
Ages 8 Years to 18 years come out with your Teams
and enjoy a day of fun & prizes with surprises
Learn about the JCF youth Club
and Rap with our
Hellshire Community Police Team

Summer heats up this Saturday with the Hellshire Summer Sports and Funday fiesta.

The AHLC Youth and Sports Committee is inviting all children and young people between 8 and 18 years old to come out for a special day of fun and games on Saturday August 19.

There will be six-a-side football matches, netball and clinics on the fundamentals of cricket and other sports through the kind support of the Sports Development Commission.

This exciting event will be a family affair, so parents and guardians are encouraged to come out and enjoy a day of fun, prizes and surprises.

If you need more info, please contact the Youth and Sports Committee leaders Albert Anderson, Kenesha Malcolm or any member of the AHLC Executive.

The Hellshire Football team at the SDC 4-in-1 Competition St Catherine parish finals Nov 2022



AHLC REQUESTS MEETING WITH UDC

The AHLC has written to the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) requesting an urgent meeting to discuss several matters related to the development of the Hellshire area.

The UDC manages the orderly growth of the Hellshire Hills population, with the Hellshire Bay Development Company activated in 1975 responsible for the management and marketing of Hellshire and her attractions.

Issues slated for discussion include:

- an updated plan showing the existing and/or proposed plan for Hellshire
- date for handing over the Hellshire area to the Portmore Municipality
- divestment opportunities and plans for the Hellshire Park Shopping Centre, Two Sisters Cave, Stone Factory, Shrimp Factory and Old Hellshire Beach

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AHLC REQUESTS MEETING WITH UDC cont.

- plans for the development of the existing and new tourism or hospitality ventures in Hellshire
- sidewalks needed along the major pedestrian corridors
- clarity on process for bushing of community inner roads and lands and repair of roads and bridges owned by the UDC
- sewerage expansion - what communities will it service

The AHLC is awaiting a response and stands ready for a fulsome discussion on these and other issues of importance for the residents of Hellshire.



THE ROLE OF THE UDC IN HELLSHIRE

Hellshire is to be transformed to accommodate a growing metropolitan Kingston which is rapidly expanding through population pressures and the resultant increasing demand on housing, services and infrastructure. In preparation for this, the Urban Development Corporation, a Statutory Government Agency and its agents, the St. Catherine Redevelopment Company and the Hellshire Bay Development Company are planning for the future orderly growth of the Hellshire Hills.

The plans are comprehensive, cohesive and long-range.

The Hellshire Hills Development Project began taking shape in November 1967, with Government's formation of the St. Catherine Redevelopment Company to acquire lands, formulate plans and initiate infrastructure work in the area. With the formation of the UDC one year later, the Company became the Corporation's agent for development of Hellshire.

Some 27,000 acres of land, mostly owned by Government, were earmarked for the project, and land not in government ownership was acquired from private owners. The Company then undertook the necessary surveys and feasibility studies. Since that time, detailed planning, in consultation with the appropriate government agencies and Ministries, has been a continuing exercise.

The Hellshire Bay Development Company is specifically responsible for management and marketing of Hellshire. This Company, formed in 1972, was activated in 1975 to handle this work on the Corporation's behalf.

Excerpt from 1970s UDC pamphlet on Hellshire Bay Development Company

PMC, NHT TO DISCUSS WINDCREST HILLS SEWER WORKS



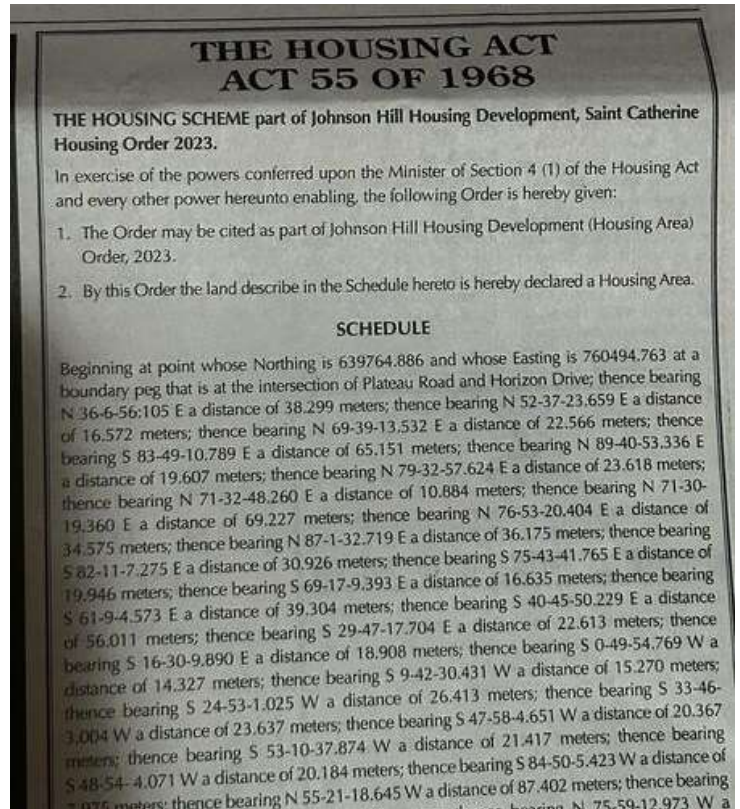
The Portmore Municipal Corporation (PMC) has advised that is not aware of this work involving the running of sewer lines from the Windcrest Hills community. Onigraay Parker, Director of Planning with the PMC, has scheduled a meeting for Friday, August 18 with the National Housing Trust to discuss the situation.

JOHNSON HILL HOUSING NOTICE RAISES QUESTIONS

A recent notice regarding the development of a section of Johnson Hill has raised several questions among the Hellshire leadership cadre.

The notice published in the Gleaner newspaper referenced the Housing Act Act 55 of 1968 and declared that the powers duly conferred upon the Minister enabled the Order given that a specified area of Johnson Hill was declared a Housing Area. The notice declared that the order may be cited as part of the Johnson Hill Housing Development (Housing Area) Order 2023 and was thereby open to construction development.

Councillor of the Hellshire division, Vanrick Preddie, says the notice was a complete surprise as no details are available. “There was no consultation with the people of Johnson Hill, no consultation with the (Portmore Municipal) Council, no one knows what is going to be built. Most importantly the council will be cheated of well needed revenue.”



Any additional development in the Johnson Hill area will have an impact on the well established residential communities and existing resources, including but not limited to water supply, sewerage, traffic management, property values and aesthetics such as ocean views and cooling effects.

AHLC 1st deputy Chairman, Roger England, wants clarification on whether any public institution was charged with sharing communications or holding consultations and did not do so. He also queried the possibility of overreach by the Government as it relates to the application of said powers, which may even be unconstitutional.

He noted that the development further raises the question of the role and functions of the Portmore Municipal Council, as it appears the body was sidelined on this matter of municipal interest.



A member of the Hellshire police team takes part in a bun eating contest at the Hellshire Pentecostal Church treat in July.



Singer Chase entertains residents at the Sandhills Citizens Association Emancipation Day Social. Residents shared an evening of food, music and games in the spirit of community bonding.

HELLSHIRE POLICE COMMEND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Commanding Officer of the Hellshire Park Police Post, Sergeant Micky Lord, has commended the Hellshire community and the AHLC for their support as the police team seeks ways to better serve and protect the residents of the area.

He says the partnership has been excellent. “The only way we can have a safe community is if we continue to have good partnership. I never know is so Hellshire nice! Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your community. The engagement has been extremely good. The All Hellshire team has been (outstanding). This CDC is the best... Everything we do in this place go #1! We break all the ground and make sure we are always excellent.”



He pointed out that there was one major cause for concern that had their attention – domestic violence. “Since I’ve been here the last two months, I have a problem and I don’t want it to grow to be a bigger problem than it is. I want the Hellshire community to pay attention to this – domestic violence... Myself and the SDC officer have had a conversation about how we treat with it and will be doing some training.”

Sergeant Lord said the frequent domestic violence calls were affecting the patrol service, even as they work to improve response times. “The patrol team is dealing with too many of these calls. We are ensuring that you not only know that we are here but see us and our presence must be felt. We are working on our response time as well and we are going to make sure we maintain it...If we can get the patrol moving around some more and not tied up with so many domestic violence issues, then you will be better served.”

Sergeant Lord was formerly the St Catherine South Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and was promoted from Corporal after his stellar work with the AHLC and other teams to train volunteers and launch the programmes for Fort Hill, Seafort and Hellshire Park Estate in March 2023.

He thanked the community for their support to date and signaled plans ahead, including a facelift for the police post located in Hellshire Park. “Thank you for the support so far. A lot of big things will be happening where we will be giving the station a facelift. Because the station must represent the brand of Hellshire. We are going to be working as a team to make sure that when you come to Hellshire station... you feel good... And we are going to ensure that everyone in the community feels us in a good way.” Sergeant Lord made his remarks at the Sandhills Citizens Association Emancipation Day Social.

HELLSHIRE POLICE POST TEAM GETS MICROWAVE



The hard-working team at the Hellshire Park Police Post now have the use of a microwave at the station. Making the handover was AHLC 1st Vice President, Roger England with CO Sergeant Micky Lord and other police staff present.

HELLSHIRE TEAM NEEDED FOR COASTAL CLEANUP DAY SEPT 16



Volunteers are needed for International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day on Saturday, September 16. ICC Day was started to raise awareness about growing pollution on beaches around the world.

The beach cleanup site is Sandhills Beach near the Dip on Sandhills Main Road. Cleanup of plastic and glass bottles from the shoreline will be from 6-9am. Interested persons are asked to email their name, phone number and community to djulalassist@gmail.com or send a WhatsApp message with ICC and this information to 876-385-0662.



Why Should I Recycle?

Here are some ways in which recycling helps you and your environment.

- Recycling helps to conserve the natural habitats of wild animals, thus also helping to protect their lives.
- Recycling conserves natural resources such as trees, oils, and minerals, which are used to make paper, glass, and metal products.
- Waste in landfills leaks harmful toxins into the earth and greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and chlorofluorocarbons are released into the air. Recycling helps to reduce this pollution.

We can all do our part by participating in some simple recycling efforts.

- ✓ Purchase and use reusable products, such as shopping bags and limit use of disposables.
- ✓ Instead of discarding plastic bottles, separate and put them in designated recycling receptacles for collection by recycling depositories such as Recycling Partners of Jamaica.
- ✓ Where possible, purchase products packaged with little to no plastic. Plastics cannot be broken down easily and remain in the environment for thousands of years after being discarded.

HELLSHIRE FUN FACTS



How much do you know about your beloved community? For the next few issues of our Newsletter, we will share some fun & interesting facts about Hellshire.

Read on and see how much you know!

1. The Forest Reserve commonly known as Hellshire Hills was gazetted on January 12, 1950 under the name Healthshire Hills. The area was once known as a popular health retreat.

2. The area supports one of the largest remaining areas of dry limestone forest along with endemic species including the Jamaican Iguana and Blue Tailed Galliwasp

The Hellshire Hills forms part of the Portland Bight Protected Area.

